

## Northeast Indiana FaithWorks Workforce Initiative Leadership Academy

*"Too many Americans are homeless, hungry or hurting. In every corner of America, there are people of all ages in need of help. Faith-based and community groups are the unsung heroes in helping Americans in need. The indispensable and transforming work of faith-based and other charitable service groups must be encouraged."*

*President George W. Bush*

In January, 2003, the Northeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board, the City of Fort Wayne and FaithWorks Indiana formed a partnership to implement programs aimed at enhancing the ability of faith-based and community organizations to effectively serve individuals in need of supportive services in the Ft. Wayne community. The partners received funding from the Department of Labor to support a pilot project in the southeast quadrant of the city. One facet of this pilot is the *Leadership Academy*.

Twenty organizations and their leaders have been identified and will be invited to participate in the *Leadership Academy*. All sessions will present state, local, and national-level educators and trainers in areas deemed most helpful to non-profit organizations to effectively carry out their missions. Workshop and seminar topics will include:

- Developing Effective Leaders
- Board Development
- Identifying and Addressing Community Needs
- Building Effective Programs
- Accessing Funding
- Financial Management

The Academy will begin on March 10 and will conclude on June 30, 2003. It will include eight workshop sessions and three seminars. Workshops will be held on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., with lunch provided. Seminars will provide in-depth training in specific content areas, and will vary in their length, time, and meeting day. A schedule is provided for your review.

There is no fee charged to participants or their organizations. However, each organization will be asked to sign a memorandum of commitment pledging full participation and attendance at all sessions.

